PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 03-1075)

IN THE APPLICATION OF:	)		
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Serial No. 10/729,123	)		
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Filed: December 5, 2003	)	**Group Art Unit:**	**2173**
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Title: Method and System for	)		
Displaying a Cursor	)		
On a Trading Screen	)		
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR § 1.102(d))

Examiner,

    Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P. 708.02 VIII (SPECIAL EXAMINING PROCEDURE FOR CERTAIN NEW APPLICATIONS-ACCELERATED EXAMINATION), Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the above-captioned application be granted special status and examined expeditiously. In support of this Petition, Applicant submits the following under the lettered headings that correspond with the letter paragraphs of M.P.E.P. 708.02 VIII.

A)   <u>Petition and Fee Submitted</u>

    Attached to this petition is a check in the amount of $130.00, which covers the required petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h)). Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

B)   All Claims Directed to a Single Invention

Applicant believes that the currently pending claims are all directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, Applicant will make an election without traverse.

C)   Pre-examination Search

A pre-examination search was conducted by a professional patent search firm. The search was conducted in the following areas of classification: class 705 – subclasses 1, 10, 35, 36R, 37, and class 715 – subclasses 856, 858, and 862. A key word search was also performed on the USPTO full-text databases of patents and published U.S. patent applications.

D)   References

Based on the search results, Applicant identifies the following references that are believed at present to be most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims of the present application: U.S. Patent No. 5,598,183, Robertson et al., "System and Method for Computer Cursor Control," issued January 28, 1997. A copy of the reference has been attached and is discussed herein as mandated by M.P.E.P. 708.02. Other references discovered during the search, less relevant than the identified references discussed herein, have been submitted concurrently in an Information Disclosure Statement.

E)   Detailed Discussion of References and Patentability of Claims

The presently claimed invention is directed to a method for displaying a cursor on a screen of a computer in an electronic trading system. Claim 1 is a representative of such a method. The example method of claim 1 includes identifying a cursor at a first location in a display region, where the first location is associated with a first portion of market information for a tradeable object. The method further includes receiving a signal, and in response to the signal, updating the display region by automatically moving the cursor to a second location associated with the first portion of market information, where the cursor is being moved together with the first portion of market information. Independent claims 13 and 18 include similar limitations.
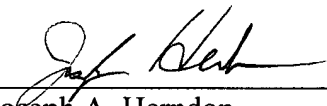
U.S. Patent No. 5,598,183, Robertson et al., ("Robertson"), describes a system determining an intended cursor location on the computer display screen and automatically repositions the cursor at the intended location. In the system of Robertson, for example, if the user selects a command that alters the contents of the display, such as opening a new window, the system analyzes the new screen display to determine whether there are user selectable options associated with the new screen display. Then, in Robertson, the system determines if one of the user selectable options is a default option and automatically positions the cursor at the default option. However, Robertson does not disclose Applicant's presently claimed cursor movement that allows for associating a cursor position with a first portion of market data, and then moving the cursor to a second location as the first portion of market data moves. Applicant's independent claims therefore distinguish over the reference.

F)   Conclusion

Applicant hereby requests that the application be granted special status and examined expeditiously. If any questions or issues related to this petition remain, the Examiner is requested to contact Monika Dudek at 312-476-1118, or the undersigned attorney/agent.

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